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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 RAYMOND J. KELLER, et al.,

CASE NO. C24-2172JLR

11 Plaintiffs,

ORDER

12 v.

13 MOUNTLAKE TERRACE CODE
14 ENFORCEMENT, et al.,

Defendants.

15 Before the court are Plaintiffs' motions for entry of default (Def. Mot. (Dkt. # 33))
16 and for default judgment (Def. J. Mot. (Dkt. # 34)). Plaintiffs filed their motions on June
17 9, 2025. (*See* Dkt.) Later that same day, before the Clerk entered default, Defendants
18 filed answers to Plaintiffs' amended complaint. (*See* Mountlake Terrace Answer (Dkt.
19 # 35); Evans Answer (Dkt. # 36).) In light of the Ninth Circuit's strong policy favoring
20 the resolution of cases on the merits, *see Eitel v. McCool*, 782 F.2d 1470, 1472 (9th Cir.
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1 1986), the court accepts Defendants' late-filed answers and DENIES Plaintiffs' motions
2 for entry of default (Dkt. # 33) and for default judgment (Dkt. # 34).

3 DATED this 10th day of June, 2025.

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6 JAMES L. ROBART
7 United States District Judge

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